

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 2, 7-12, and 29-34 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-6, 13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837) and Tomita (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,372).

Claims 14, 18, 22, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews, Tomita, and Kelts (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0112237).

Claims 3-6 are independent.

II. Rejection of Independent Claims 3-6

The Office Action rejects independent claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews and Tomita.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Matthews and Tomita, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... one or more icons coordinated with the television channel’s broadcasting, said icons acting as hyperlinks to data relating to a predetermined number of programs recently broadcast on the television channel ...”

as set forth in each of claims 3-6 (emphasis added).

The Office Action apparently contends that Matthews teaches a hyperlink to data relating to a program recently broadcast on a television channel via “Last Week” of text description window 128 of Fig. 5.

However, even if such is taken to be the case for the sake of argument, Mathews would still fail, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest that “Last Week” of text description window 128 is coordinated with a television channel’s broadcasting, and instead merely discusses “Last Week” of text description window 128 as corresponding to highlighting by focus frame 126:

“[p]rogram summary panel 120 includes a text description window 128 and a preview window 130. The text description window 128 displays program information related to the program that is highlighted by the focus frame 126 in program grid 118. Here, the NBC program ‘Seinfeld’ is highlighted and the text description window 128 lists the program title ‘Seinfeld,’ and a program description of the current episode. The text description window 128 might also include other program related information like closed-captioning, stereo, etc. The preview window 130 is used to display clips of the selected highlighted show”
(see Matthews col. 9 ln. 33-43; emphasis added).

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claims

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

V. Authorization

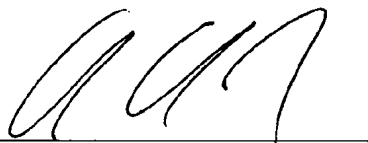
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4042.

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

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